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Dear Mary,

I think that you can relax a little over Livingstone's wretchedly bad behavior at least for a while because he has some new troubles of his own. Groden has filed suit against him. I do not know the details. But his publisher who, from Harry's letter to Shaw is his former publisher, will be demanding much information and explanation.

Carroll & Graf's lawyer is a dear friend and one of the finest people I've known. He told me about Groden's suit. I suspect that he'll not represent C & G in this suit because Livingstone has been lying about him, as in the letter to Gary I'm glad to get where he said this lawyer "required" him to go to the FBI. False!

Without permission from you and Gary I'll not send my friend your letters but I think he should be as fully informed as pissible. I will tell him what I've just quoted, which is approximately what Harry told me and I did tell him, and that Harry says Simon & Schuster is to publish his next book, without your names.

I'm high on Peggy! Fine person! Bright, too! So I'm glad you took the liberty of sending her whatever you sent her. Feel free now and in the future. I asked her to get permission to let me have copies so I could inform my friend the C & G lawyer.

As I think I told you I'm nearing the end of a very long manuscriot but for more than a month there have been so many interruptions I've not been able to conclude the conclusion. Now that I am close in particular I want to save as much time as I can. So will you please ask Gary when you speak to him if it is OK to forward that letter? And for copies of any other or any other information he may have? Others, too?

Please be careful with some of those you seem to trust, including Groden and Rookstool. Harry told me that Rookstool is helping him and I have had some experiences with him that lead me to believe that most of us would assume, that as an FBI agent (which he was careful not to tell me he was in telling me he was something else), that he is not anxious to help us. That would not be the best way to keep his job and advance in it. Groden has changed very much from the days before Chris was pregnant with Robbie when they spent weekends here often.

Although Harry told me he got a document he sent me from other than Rothermel I believe it was from Paul and that it was not from the FBI, whose marks it lacks. Paul was in the phone book, as is his son of the same name. Used to live and may still live in Richardson. He can have motive for embarrassing the Hunt brothers. I've not heard from him since the last time I saw you and I just chatted with him briefly then in his office. Maybe Rookstool does not know Rothermel but if Rookstool is the JFK case agent he knows about him if they have not met. Paul worked both sides. I got from the FBI what he said

represented my views when he knew the exact opposite was true.

Mary, please try to relax. Livingstone is not going to be able to do anything to you other than annoy you and now he'll have less time for that. With ASK over you do not have to speak to him or to Waybright. Who by the way is a friend of I think Lavelle, who has a daughter not far from here and who visits her, in Virginia.

Harry twisted what I said about Gary. I did not refer to him as nutty. I did refer to some of what he has done using that word. Like with Joe West. When they were here if I did not use that word to them I said to them what meant the same thing. Like with the Rickey White fabrications, obviously at first glance an overt fraud. Fact is I think that Gary is a rather nice guy.

Aside from his ambiguous references to those juvenile offender pictures I've never really understaood Harry's complaints against others and his letter to Gary does not reduce the mystery to me of the nature of his alleged complaints.

In order for Groden to file against the publisher what was published much contain what is claimed to be actionable. I recall nothing from High Treason 2 of this nature but of course I do not remember most of it. But unless Groden complains about what was published I do not see how he can join C & G in his lawsuit.

If the publisher is not legitimately involved Harry has to defend himself. If the publisher is, he pays the costs and collects from the author. The way it used to work anyway.

If you want anything I sent Peggy, fine for her to give you a copy.

Please try not to worry. Bad for both of you. And although Harry told me about you what you say he said, that your law firm was part of the conspiracy and thus you are, he really can't do a thing about that insanity. I did make some suggestions to Peggy when she phoned.

Best to you and Buck and all my friends down there, including those with whom I disagree. Hope you have as good a holiday season as is possible.

Harold